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Sam & Linda Miller's Christmas Open House
Friday, December 9th - - 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Season's Greetings



Sam Miller's Christmas Open House - submitted by **Sam Miller**: Linda and I would like to invite members of the club to our house in Woodgate on Friday, December 9th, to see the Christmas lights on my train layouts. The Open House begins at 6:30 pm and runs until 9:30 pm.

Our house is at 3008 Stillwood Court, just off of Woodgate Way. Coming from Thomasville Road, Stillwood Court is the first left, about half-a-mile from Thomasville. From Centerville, it is about a mile. Go to the second Stillwood Court sign and turn right. Our house is the third house on the left, there is a train engine mailbox. If you turn right at the first Stillwood Court, go almost all the way to the end and look for the train engine mailbox on the right. We hope you will come to our Christmas Open House.



Veteran's Memorial presents their "Christmas In The Park" December 10th and December 16th thru the 20th 6 pm to 10pm Eastern Time

Veterans Memorial Railroad has scheduled a special Christmas in the Park with the Winter Wonderland Express. This event will feature a spectacular ride through Veterans Memorial Park where you will enjoy Live Scenes along the route that includes the Nativity Scene and Santa's Work Shop with Santa and his elves. The "Whistle Stop Cafe" will be open in the Depot Museum for snacks as you await the trains.

The coal-fired steam train will be featured on the nights of December 10th, 17th and 20th.

Admission: Steam train \$5 per person, all others \$3 (children 5 years & under – no charge). Call (850) 643-6646 or (850) 643-5491 for additional information.

Dues of \$10 are due starting January 1, 2012

By Larry Benson – Treasurer Dues of \$10 for January 1st through June 30th 2012 will be due starting January 1, 2012. I ask that you only pay the \$10 so that the transition in our Club budget process from calendar year to fiscal year will be achieved smoothly.

Members have until March 31, 2012 to pay the first half-year dues of \$10. After March 31st, members will be considered in default and their membership privileges suspended until their dues are paid.

Minutes of the November 2011 BBMRA Meeting

The meeting of November 15, 2011 was called to order at 7:39 pm by President John Sullenberger.

John issued an apology for the late newsletter.

Dan McDaniel, a 'new' face who has been a member for a while was present. Joe Furiato joined the BBMRA tonight; he is a returning Lionel operator who is now a rubber-gauger with N and HO, also.

Minutes: The minutes from the October meeting were accepted unanimously and without corrections.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report indicated that we are still in the black. Larry asked association members to just pay \$10 in January 2012. This will cover each member's membership through June 30, 2012. Starting on July 1, 2012 membership dues of \$20 (for our reporting period of July 1st through June 30th) will be due.

Division Reports:

Small Scale: a fifth module has been started and work sessions are to be scheduled;

HO Scale: a NCE Power-Cab has been purchased and a selector switch wired to the layout for switching from DC to DCC;

Large Scale: No report;

Veteran's Memorial – Bristol: the Christmas runs are coming soon;

Switching Layout: No report;

NMRA: No report;

Good of the Group Comments: Sam & Linda Miller's Christmas Open House will be on December 9th from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

Program: Swap Meet.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at the Old Antique Car Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm. Respectfully submitted by Drew Hackmeyer, Secretary

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